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Local Items.

You can buy the best dress cambrics for eight cents at Webster's.

WANTED—A girl to do plain cooking at Kempton's, opposite post-office. Apply immediately.

LANE BROTHERS offer a fine line of drugs, medicines, cigars, confectionery, fancy goods, etc., at bottom prices.

WEBSTER is making some very low prices on all summer goods, to close. Go and examine before buying elsewhere.

CALL at G. W. Wilder's music store and see the new musical instrument, the reed pipe clarinet. Price only eight dollars.

WAR SONGS for anniversaries and gatherings of soldiers, to which is added a selection of songs and hymns for Memorial day, for sale by J. C. Griggs, Waterbury, Vt. Sent to any address for fifty cents.

THE CARPENTER ORGAN.—Testimony from an eminent statesman and author, for many years chief of the Bureau of Statistics at Washington: "New York, December 24, 1880. E. P. Carpenter, Esq.: Dear Sir—Your organs have been in use by a member of my family who says that there are some features particularly praiseworthy. The extreme lightness and evenness of touch are deserving of mention. The keys are firm and noiseless, yet their action is prompt and delicate. The most rapid trills, or arpeggios, are performed with ease and satisfaction; and this promptness of response is found throughout the entire clavier. . . . The draw stops also deserve mention. In tone your organs rank with the very best—the makes of some others equaling, but none surpassing yours in this regard. . . . The above is a brief mention of some of the excellent features of your organs, as given by an expert. Very respectfully yours, Edward Young, Editor of the Industrial Monthly, late Chief of United States Bureau of Statistics." G. A. Ainsworth, Williamstown, Vt., general agent.

Current Mention.

If the lawyer slept in the editor's bed
When no other chance to be night,
And though he has written and naively said,
How easily editors lie—
He must now admit as he lay on that bed,
An echo to his heart's desire,
Whether he may say of the editor's bed,
"Then the lawyer himself was a liar."

A ROAST-CORNER festival is the latest novelty in church societies.

RELIGIOUS services may be expected in the meeting-house at Whitehall next Sunday afternoon at two o'clock.

THE burning of a woodshed near the track at West Randolph delayed the express yesterday morning about three hours.

IT is stated that some of the depositors of the St. Albans Trust Company burned the president, Lawrence Brainerd, in effigy last Saturday night.

SOME of our exchanges say that Barnum will visit this State next month and will show at Rutland September 25th, but we are inclined to doubt it.

THE item in the issue of August 8th should read that Cutting & Damon of Beaver Lake, Michigan, are cutting forty thousand shingles instead of four, and dressing ten thousand feet of sliding daily.

THE engine, D. B. Sortwell, is just out of the shops, having been thoroughly overhauled, repaired and painted. All the engines of the Montpelier & Wells River railroad are now in first-class order.

THE following notice is posted on one of the buildings in Barre: "Notice—the person who lost the Leger Bottles of his buk-borde will find the bottles at Granger's stone shed. The Leger, the d-I knows where."

THE changes in the running of trains on the Central are shown in the time-table elsewhere. The only change on the Montpelier & Wells River is in the mixed train going east, which now leaves at 3:00 instead of 4:10 P. M.

THE Central Vermont Baptist Association will meet in Groton the first Wednesday in September. The Central Vermont and Montpelier & Wells River railroads will give free return checks to all those who pay full fare one way.

THE Universalist convention of Vermont and the Province of Quebec will hold its annual meeting at Richmond, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, August 28, 29 and 30. This being the semi-centennial anniversary of the organization, it is expected to be especially interesting.

THE Windsor veterans will hold their third annual reunion at Hartford, September 4th. Lieutenant-Governor S. E. Pingree of Hartford will deliver the address of welcome, and General W. W. Groat the afternoon address. Among the distinguished guests expected are Governor Barstow, Colonel W. C. Holbrook of New York and General Stephen Thomas.

THE Reformer, referring to the Etey Guard in the matter says: "The guard will add some new attractions in the way of decorations to their camp this year, and we are reliably assured that they won't be liquid either. That department is not susceptible to improvement." This way of putting it leaves us in a terrible state of uncertainty as to the real meaning of the comment.

CHARLES H. CLIFFORD of Grand Forks, Dakota, formerly of Newbury, was drowned Saturday evening, August 18th. He went West last October, and was in the tailor and clothing business with his uncle, J. N. George, also of Newbury. He was a brother of George B. Clifford, who studied law at Montpelier. The burial was at Woodland cemetery, near Boston, Sunday, August 12th.

THE annual meeting of the St. Johnsbury and Lake Champlain railroad was held at St. Johnsbury the 15th, and elected the following directors: Horace Fairbanks of St. Johnsbury, Franklin Fairbanks of St. Johnsbury, Thomas Coggeshall of Newport, R. I., Bradley Barlow of St. Albans, A. B. Jewett of Swanton, A. D. Hyde of Boston, A. B. Harris of Springfield, Mass., W. B. Fairbanks of St. Johnsbury.

MESSENGER: "J. B. Fletcher, agent for the National Life Insurance Company of Montpelier, has received from his company a check for \$2,000, in payment of insurance on the life of the late Seth P. Eastman—whose check has been handed to Mrs. Eastman. Mr. Eastman was one of the first policy-holders in this company, and the National Life has been commendably prompt in settling with his widow."

ANOTHER excursion to Weirs, N. H., will be given by the Montpelier & Wells River rail-

road Thursday, September 6th, and we are sure that a large number will avail themselves of the opportunity to take this delightful ride, and visit a charming spot. For the accommodation of Barre people there will be special cars from Barre to Weirs and return without extra charge. Further particulars will be given later.

J. W. CRAMTON was elected assignee in insolvency of J. M. Haven, receiving one hundred and fourteen votes, representing \$47,044, against eleven votes representing \$711 in favor of E. A. Morse, who was supported by the Clement interest. Cramton will be required to furnish a \$200,000 bond. Clement & Sons presented a claim of over \$60,000 for the amount paid by them to Haven for spurious over-issued Rutland railroad stock. Objection was made and a hearing was set for to-day.

SPENCER F. BARKER, commissioner of the United States commission of fish and fisheries, informs Judge Poland of St. Johnsbury that there is a promise of a sufficient supply of German carp to meet all reasonable demands. Applications for this valuable fish for stocking purposes should be on file before the middle of October, at which time the work of distribution will commence. The supply sent to each person is from fifteen to twenty, according to the circumstances. Judge Poland has blank applications which he will furnish to those desiring them.

In a private letter, addressed to the editor of a Paris newspaper, Mme. de La Grange, the well-known instructor in singing, makes this mention of that unfortunate young American, the late Miss Marie Litta: "She was a favorite pupil of mine, and also so studious and attentive, and so anxious to develop her great musical talent, that a most brilliant future was certainly before her. I set her up as a model for all young ladies to copy from, and were she still among us and in full enjoyment of health, she would now be one of the brightest ornaments of the lyric stage."

INDEX: "One of the 'hot air children' dropped into Kelley's store a day or two ago, and Kelley, thinking to have some fun, told him he would give him a stick of candy if he could repeat the Lord's Prayer in German. Theurchin did so to Kelley's satisfaction, and was rewarded according to promise, whereupon he calmly informed Kelley that he would repeat the same in English. The offer was accepted and Kelley made a desperate effort to win the candy stick, but made an utter failure of it, and was obliged to give it up. What must the small boy have thought of the moral training of the storekeeper?" And this happened at St. Johnsbury!

The old scholars and friends of the Essex classical institute, at Essex Center, held a reunion picnic last Friday afternoon and evening at the institute grounds. About one hundred and fifty old pupils were in attendance, and after enjoying a basket picnic, toasts appropriate to the occasion were read and responded to by several parties. In the evening Miss Lena Brown and Anna Tracy sang several songs very nicely, and by request Miss Nellie Castle of Jericho, who has just returned from the conservatory of music at Boston, delighted the audience with her rendering of two ballads. All in all, it was an enjoyable affair, and helped strengthen the ties that bind the student to his alma mater.

THERE was a meeting of the directors of the Bennington Battle Monument Association in that town on the 16th inst. The committee on design for the monument made their report. The design selected is one by Professor Weir of Yale college. This design will now be submitted for approval to the President of the United States, the governors of New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Vermont, and to the Battle Monument Association. The committee on design are Hon. E. J. Phelps of Burlington, Ex-Governor B. F. Prescott of New Hampshire, Ex-Governor Alexander H. Rice of Massachusetts, and General John G. McCullough of Bennington. The committee was unanimous in their recommendation.

WE fear that the Index man is not always prompted by the most disinterested virtue in his heroic efforts to reform everybody and everything in the state. His latest effort in this direction is the following comment on the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company of this village: "This company will reach the end of its rope before long. The people of Vermont cannot be made to stand everything. The remarkable performances of this company would make mighty interesting reading if they were all written up." Write them up, Brother Harris, and don't forget to give liberal extracts from your letter to their agent and full particulars of your narrow escape from legal difficulties with the treasurer about that assessment. Will you do it?

SOMEONE has issued the following warning to punsters: "Say, Kernal," cried the Early Rose roughly, as it cast its eyes up toward the tall Sweet Corn, "Ain't you puttin' on a good many hairs since you've grown a little beard? Don't remember when you used to be down at the bottom of the hill, do you?" "I'll make you hill," said the tall Sweet Corn, in a husky voice, pricking up its ears. "I'll kiss you alive, that's what I'll do, if you don't keep an eye on that measly mouth of yours." "Oh, chuck," replied the Early Rose, tantalizingly, and preparing to peel off its coat. "You'd look well canned, you would." "Let's stop this talk, before it goes any foddier," exclaimed the farmer, as he smote the crest of the tall Sweet Corn with his sickle.

ABOUT one hundred depositors of the St. Albans Trust Company met at Good Templars' hall, in St. Albans, last Saturday evening, for the purpose of taking action to secure a proper representation at the hearing before Chancellor Royce to-day. After some discussion a committee was elected to take charge of the matter and retain counsel, if deemed expedient. The following are the committee: J. H. Mims, Harry Cannon, Charles Clark, A. B. Hancock and Charles French. At the conclusion of the meeting about sixty-five persons pledged themselves to bear their share of any expense in the matter, and put themselves on record as the party for whom the committee act. The meeting, which was entirely good-natured, adjourned till last evening to hear the report of the committee.

THE joint exhibition of the Vermont State Agricultural Society and Champlain Valley Association will be held at Howard Park, Burlington, Vt., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th. The sum of \$6,000 is offered in premiums. All entries of stock must be made to E. F. Brownell, Burlington, Vt., on or before August 27th. Entries mailed August 27, and bearing postmark of that day, will be received. Entries of exhibits in floral,

mechanical and machinery halls can be made up to six P. M., on the first day of the exhibition. The sum of \$1,925 is offered for trotting premiums. On the second, third, fourth and fifth days there will be two races each day. Entries to races must be made to H. B. Kent, Dorset, and close at eleven o'clock P. M., August 27.

OUR correspondent at Groton, writes as follows: "Whitton Richardson, an old man about sixty years of age, who has been working for various parties in the woods around here for several years past, has been on a spree for several days, and tumbling around in A. H. Rickers' mill Monday morning, he was warned out and finally led out of the mill. Leaving there he wandered around and got on the railroad track near Rickers' mills just ahead of the mail train going east, which struck him, knocking him down and the engine ran over his right foot. He was taken to Groton village where Dr. Nelson of Wells River and Darling of South Ryegate amputated the right foot about midway between ankle and knee, and the large toe on the other foot. He was quite badly bruised about the head and one arm, but may recover. He has no family nor near friends."

THE telephone is gradually extending its lines in this section of the state. There are now one hundred and sixty stations in this circuit. Plainfield and Northfield are getting interested in the matter, and they will not be able to remain much longer on the outside. A line is projected from West Randolph through Snowville to Brookfield. From the latter point Williamstown is only six miles, and a connection will probably be made over this distance. A line is projected from Barre to Washington, and from thence to Chelsea. Cabot is also expected to take its place in the circuit. Waterbury Center is calling for connection with the Street and the Capital. A line, either independent or by utilizing the telegraph wire, will probably be established from Waterbury to Stowe, and thence to Morrisville, thus bringing Washington, Lamotte and Orange counties within speaking distance.

THE Union, in speaking of the effect of the St. Albans troubles in St. Johnsbury, says: "The Barlow failure and its bearing upon banks and individuals in this town has been the engrossing topic of conversation for a week past. Fifteen thousand covers the Barlow loans in the savings bank, and for this they have the collateral of the St. Albans bank, the solvency of which is not yet determined, though it is hoped it will prove sound. Merchants bank holds \$30,000 of Barlow paper, \$20,000 of which is abundantly secured by the signature of Lucius Robinson, and \$20,000 is secured by the St. Albans bank stock as collateral, on which there may be a partial loss, though it is hoped not. The amount of Barlow paper in the upper bank is not known by the public, and the public, which is always very curious, will draw its own inferences. The Fairbanks hold some of the paper and the public will also have to draw inferences in that case."

THE reunion of the soldiers at Granville will be held August 23 and 24. Every soldier, whatever command he served in during the last war, is cordially invited to come to this reunion. Each soldier is requested to bring two days' ration raw, shelter tent, which is made of six yards of cotton cloth one yard wide sewed together like a sheet, with three loops in each end to pin it to the ground, also a gun to use in the sham fight which is to come off the afternoon of the 24th. Those soldiers coming in a post uniform are to act as the northern soldiers and those without uniform the rebel soldiers. General Thomas and Colonel Randall have been invited and other army officers. The last night there will be a dance at Hancock with a dedication on the bill to all soldiers who buy their tickets at the commander's tent on the ground. Any information wanted in regard to the reunion may be had by addressing Dr. J. R. Hamblin, chairman of the general committee, Granville, Vt.

OUR Stowe correspondent writes as follows: "One of the saddest and most shocking accidents that ever occurred in this community happened last week Wednesday. As Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Towne and Mrs. S. Stockwell were riding, the horse became frightened in some way near the cheese factory and ran, throwing them out at the turn. How it was done is not known, as no one saw them until they were found, all lying perfectly unconscious. They were all terribly bruised. The physician that was summoned thought it best that they be carried home, so a suitable conveyance was obtained for their removal. Mrs. Towne died that night, and it was thought that Mr. Towne could not possibly live; but he is somewhat better now, and there is a little hope of his recovery. Mrs. Stockwell is better. It is said that the sight that presented itself to an eyewitness, as they lay there in their unconscious, bloody condition, was terrible. Mrs. Towne's funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the Congregational church, Rev. Mr. Anderson officiating."

WE are indebted to the courtesy of R. J. Kimball of New York, who is now stopping at West Randolph, for a tasty pamphlet prepared by one of the party, giving a breezy sketch of the coaching trip of the Dwight-Wiman Club last June, mention of which was made in the WATCHMAN at the time. The following extract from their notes at the Capital will be of interest to our readers: "In a little while we were gazing at the handsome granite state house, near by, with its colossal statue of Ceres surmounting the dome, when DuBois, enjoying our admiration remarked: 'Nice little state house,—he is state treasurer,—no jobs, no debt, 270 representatives, mostly good men.' The 'good men' we were not disposed to question, but we did question him, some of us, as to why it took 270 of them to 'run' a state with a population of 335,000 when Ontario, with 2,000,000 people was 'run' with only 85. It seemed too much machinery for the hull of the boat, as one of our Maritime Province members might say. The slight collation that we had here before sailing out to see the capital, some might call a square meal, but we did not 'let ourselves out' at table, as Wilbur puts it, out of consideration for the civil but solemn girls with large eyes—Jersey eyes, some one called them—who waited on us. On the piazza of the hotel we were introduced to Mr. Bingham, universally known as 'Governor' Bingham, from his having been for twenty years democratic candidate for the governorship of a pronouncedly republican state, and who seems destined to die candidating, 'facing fearful odds,' like a new England Horatius of the hustings. A portly, hearty, unmistakably jolly gentleman he was; we almost wished, once the claims of some good folks who shall be nameless, that he might get converted and have a chance to 'fill our gubernator's chair,' but he seemed the sort of stuff which nothing,

short of a hot-blast converter, would convert. At last we found ourselves in the grounds of the state house, whose terraced granite steps lead up to the really imposing building, with its massive Doric portico. Mead's statue of Ethan Allen, near the entrance, reminded us of days when in Morse's geography we used to read of the battle of Bennington and the bold Ethan's exploits as marking the early history of Vermont. The attitude of the statue would seem to illustrate the moment when, in 1775, the fearless Green Mountain boy demanded of Captain De la Place the surrender of Ticonderoga, 'in the name of the Great Jehovah and the Continental Congress.' It is a neat, clean, charming town, this Montpelier with its French name; neat residences, with lawns unfenced; a handsome railway station, a lovely cemetery, and doubtless other pretty sights had we time to see them."

THE "Idler" of the Free Press, who by the way has the most interesting column in the paper, presents the following in a recent issue: "It is really surprising how few people can spell correctly. It is very seldom indeed that a manuscript comes into a printing office in which a number of words are not spelled incorrectly. Regular and volunteer contributors are indebted much more than they are probably aware to the editor and the proof-reader. But a document which takes the entire bakery on spelling is one the Idler accidentally ran across the other day. It is a statement, written by Timothy Rogers, town clerk of Ferrisburgh in 1785-1786, of the accidental burning of the town records. The precious document is headed, 'A copy of the account of Timothy Rogers having his writings burnt,' and is as follows:

"I Timothy Rogers of Ferrisburgh was a moving from Ferrisburgh to South Ferrisburgh (Ticonderoga Creek) for and as I went by water I did not get up the hill till about mid night and my wife and five children and one woman peasy smith by name and one child was all in an open boat and it was a dark rainy time we landed about a quarter of a mile from the house some of the hands went up and got fire when they got down again the fire was so hard on we could some fire by the side of a tree to life back that the family me a little to walk up to the house for my wife was sick I did her by the hand this morning being the 3 day of the 19th 1786 about son one of my men came and told me the fire which the fire was burnt down and burnt up a large cloth of dross that was packed as full as it could be off clothes and fittings of grate important I suppose I had about forty dead for about six thousand acres of land son on record and son not notes and bonds for about two thousand dollars and all the proprietors Records of Ferrisburgh some other goods was burnt with all the cloth only what we had on these who name who are here and at certain witness to the same for they help me move and seen the fire of the same this 3d of the 19th 1786 likewise they seen the house of living in their goods burnt to ashes. T. Rogers Rogers."

This unique document is witnessed by 'Amos Catlin,' 'Zimry hill,' 'Stephen Rice, Jr.,' and others; and the certificate of the justice of the peace is as follows: "Buttand county a Wallingford January 28th A. D. 1786 Timothy Rogers Rogers and gave his Affirmation to the truth of the within writing deposition to before me Abraham Jackson just of peace."

"One 'Abil tomson, assistant judg,' also gave what he called a 'sartaficate' to the same effect. No modern imitation could possibly be one-half as funny as this genuine document of a century ago."

Personal.

H. A. WINGUP of Bradford has returned from Colorado.

COLONEL J. J. ESTREY and wife of Brattleboro sail for home to-day.

W. W. CHANDLER, a native of Randolph, but now agent of the Pennsylvania railroad at Chicago, is visiting in his native state. He is one of Governor Bingham's intimate friends, having formerly been in his office.

F. W. HALL, formerly of the J. G. Hall Manufacturing Company, Roxbury, has traveled to Minneapolis, Minnesota, and is traveling salesman for Reed, Bailey & Bettman, jewelry and watches. He is very pleasantly located.

COLONEL J. J. R. RANDALL and Hon. D. E. Nicholson of Rutland, and W. W. Prescott of THE WATCHMAN, have been appointed by Governor Barstow as delegates from this state to the educational convention to be held at Louisville, Ky., next month.

Montpelier.

Oh! could there in this world be found
Some little spot of happy ground,
How doubly sweet that spot would be,
Where all might dwell in liberty,
Free from the bitter misery
Of gossip's endless prattling!

B. F. FIFIELD Esq., was at Saratoga last week.

HON. L. G. HINCKLEY of Chelsea was in town Friday.

A PARTY of young people propose to visit Mt. Hunger to-morrow.

GOVERNOR BARSTOW and Senator Brainerd were in town yesterday.

THE family of J. A. Lapointe are attending the camp-meeting at Northfield.

EDITOR MESSER of the *Patron's Rural* made a pleasant call the other day.

J. G. FARVELL is still further improving his house by giving it a coat of paint.

PETER MITCHELL smiles on his friends again, having returned from his vacation.

THERE was no service at Christ church again last Sunday, the rector being away.

J. C. HOUGHTON, cashier of the First National Bank, is away on his vacation.

MRS. W. M. RAYMOND, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is visiting friends and relatives in town.

H. C. GLEASON, of the firm of L. P. Gleason & Co., spent last week at his old home in Watfield.

LUCIUS GOODWIN returned Saturday from Fargo, Dakota, not finding things quite to his mind there.

REV. DR. C. M. BUTLER of Philadelphia will officiate next Sunday in Christ church, at the usual hour.

MISS MARY MARTIN, a sister of Mrs. W. A. Stowell and Mrs. E. F. Rand, are visiting friends in town.

Mrs. AND Mrs. M. D. GILMAN are attending the Spiritualist meeting at Queen City Park, near Burlington.

GENERAL P. P. PITKIN went to New York Friday in the interests of the Lake Manufacturing Company.

THE MAYOR starts the first of October for Minneapolis, Minn., where he will settle, if the outlook is favorable.

PRINCIPAL B. F. BROWN has rented Mrs. C. W. Bailey's house, on Main street, and will go to housekeeping at once.

MISS TINSIE ALLARD, who has been at work at South Manchester, Conn., has been sick with intermittent fever, and will come home to-morrow.

MISS ALICE RAYMOND, who has been visiting with Miss Katie Bailey, left Monday for the White Mountains.

Mrs. T. M. MERWIN and his daughter, Miss M. A. Merwin of Brooklyn, who were at the Pavilion last summer, arrived last Saturday, and were cordially welcomed.

On account of ill-health, Mrs. A. D. Lane and children started for the White Mountains on Wednesday last, accompanied by Miss Lillian Clark, to spend the summer.

THE "baliffs" (as the intelligent printer has spelled it) have posted notices forbidding the

throwing of rubbish of any kind into the Worcester branch. Now let it be enforced.

WILLARD HOLDEN, the mail agent on the Montpelier & Wells River railroad, will take a vacation, beginning to-morrow, and H. D. Hopkins, Jr., will handle the pouches for him.

We ought to feel well of our school tax as compared with other towns. The rate in West Randolph is forty cents, in Northfield fifty-five cents, and in Montpelier thirteen cents on the dollar of the grand list.

MISS MARY HARRIS reached here Thursday from her western home and was very heartily greeted. She will remain until the opening of the school year at Northampton, and will spend the vacations with relatives and friends here.

On complaint of Grand Juror John A. Wing, Joseph Roe and George LaBouchere were brought before Justice Clark yesterday for disturbing the peace. Roe was fined \$11.76 and under bonds to keep the peace, and LaBouchere was fined \$5.01.

THE Roman News of August 1st, notes the safe arrival of Misses Clara Dewey and Angie Wing, nieces of Hon. E. P. Walton, at the city of seven hills. They are also mentioned as among the contributors to a fund for the sufferers by the terrible earthquake at Lodi.

We made quite an error in giving the estimated expenses of the Union school for the coming year as \$36,000. What we ought to have said was that the estimated expenses are \$5,700, of which \$3,000 must be raised by a tax, the balance coming from tuition, public money, etc.

At a meeting of the school committee Saturday evening J. C. Phinney was chosen clerk and Mrs. T. C. Bailey was chosen treasurer. On auditing, T. C. Gordon, S. C. Shurtiff, J. C. Phinney and teachers, Hiram Carlton and W. W. Prescott, on building and grounds, P. P. Pitkin and E. M. Guernsey.

A summary party went to Benjamin's Falls last Saturday for a day's picnic. Among the who participated were the following ladies with a liberal sprinkling of children: Mrs. George C. Shepard, Mrs. J. M. Fiske, Mrs. Spencer Borden, Mrs. T. C. Bailey. It was a most enjoyable experience for some of the young people and they made the most of it.

GEORGE CROSBY and wife, formerly well known in this vicinity, but more recently of Indianapolis, Indiana, started on the afternoon of August 19th to go from Lloyd Clark's place to his own home, a few miles distant, and when crossing a creek there came a sudden rush of water and swept them out of the wagon. Mrs. Crosby and her children were thrown into the water and the body is found they will return to Boston.

THE sad intelligence was received Monday of the death of Mrs. A. C. Barnard in the Adirondack hospital, she had gone seeking for health. A letter last Saturday stated that she was improving, so that her decease was very unexpected. Mr. Barnard left Monday night to bring back the remains. Mrs. Barnard was born in Nova Scotia, having been married in Halifax in 1834, and was married in 1875. The funeral will be held this afternoon at three o'clock.

A TEA party was given by Mrs. George Reed for the ladies in honor of Mrs. Foster who was visiting with her. Quite a number of the invited guests as well as the hostess are able to converse in German, and so an hour after tea was very pleasantly devoted to conversation in that language. It is just hinted by some of our friends that a few of the doubtful and trembling ones spent the afternoon in close communion with a German conversation book, but the report is untrue. The evening was agreeably passed and the party was regarded as highly successful.

THE liver pad man is gone and the hand organ is not heard in our streets, but we are not left entirely disconsolate. The "King of the Road" has come to town and is doing his best to fill a long felt want by pulling teeth "without pain" at one dollar each, so that those who failed to spend their dollar for a pad man, travel with a fair opportunity to get rid of it. Saturday evening the "King" operated on the street to the satisfaction of the assembled crowd, removing some very obstinate molars to the evident satisfaction of the patient, and upon, but this was for an advertisement, and he now confines himself to office work. It seems as though some people would step up and have their heads cut off, if it were not for the traveling surgeon who would offer to do it free and without pain.

At a regular meeting of Capital lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, at Montpelier, August 13th, the following resolutions were adopted: "Whereas, in his infinite wisdom God has removed from our midst one who by her uprightness and purity of life has endeared herself to us all; and whereas, our lodge thereby loses a staunch supporter, a brave soldier, and a devoted sister; be it resolved, that the lodge, several and collectively, tender to her friends and relatives our sincere sympathies in their affliction, and assure them that we, too, mourn her loss and enshrine her memory inseparably with our order."

COMING down the street, the other evening, the editor was surprised to see Capital Hall lighted and a good company of voters wending their way toward that ancient structure. On inquiry, he learned that a large amount had been subscribed by our wealthy citizens, and placed at the disposal of the village for public improvements, and that this meeting had been called to take action on the matter. Passing up the steps he saw Burns & Bailey, who had circulated the subscription paper, and glancing over his shoulder he saw that James E. Langdon was down for \$10,000, George C. Shepard for \$5,000, J. W. Brock and E. L. Jewett for \$2,500 each, but he was prevented from saying more by the jostling crowd, but happened to notice that Joseph Newbery was down for fifty cents. Getting inside, the editor found that "Squibs," Harry Dewey, and George H. Tucker of the associated press, had monopolized all the room at the reporter's table, so he was obliged to take his notes in a book on his knees. The meeting was called to order by H. C. Gleason, and Gustav Hubbard, Jr., was made chairman, on motion of Jedd Camp, and W. H. Cochrane was elected clerk. The object of the meeting was explained by W. G. Reed, Esq., and the needs of the village were discussed by various gentlemen. On motion of Rev. J. Edward Wright, it was voted to appropriate \$15,000 for a library building and a suitable supply of books to put into the same, and a committee was appointed to have charge of the matter. On motion of J. V. Babcock, a sufficient sum was set apart to be expended in cleaning out the Worcester branch and improving the village of the village. On motion of J. W. Brock, it was voted to bring water from Berlin pond for the use of the village and to put up three fountains—one near the old Academy bridge, in front of Erasmus Hubbard's, one near the head of State street, and one in the open lot opposite the Pavilion. H. S. Smith opposed this, fearing that they would sprinkle the streets from the hydrants, but he was overruled. It was then moved by Rev. H. F. Hill that a committee be appointed, with instructions to buy the *Argus* and secure C. H. Davenport of the *Reformer* to edit it for them, so that none of our "reputable" papers might be published at the capital. Mr. Hill said he could vouch for Mr. Davenport as being a man entirely acceptable to the present proprietor. There was considerable discussion at this point, but the motion was carried with the proviso that the committee should not pay over \$5,000, and that the present proprietor should sign an agreement not to accept any office, if the demonstration should carry Vermont in 1884. Harry Dewey then moved that \$2,000 be appropriated with which to buy the *Freeman* and stop its publication, as he said it was too much work for him to read in that paper on Thursday what he had read in the *Argus* and *WATCHMAN* the previous day. Some one objected at the smallness of the price, but Harry assured them that it was all that Mr. Wheelock asked. The motion was then carried, without a dissenting voice, amid great applause. The chairman then announced that the money had nearly all been appropriated, when some one moved to add a small sum to build a new fence for Colonel Fildes and wash the windows of the WATCHMAN office, but this was ruled out of order, as it was for private ends. There was so much applause and cheering of the chairman that the editor gave a start and found that a hearty supper had caused him to dream the whole thing, and he has since been wondering what could have put these ideas into his head.

St. Albans Trust Company.

The Revised Laws require savings banks and trust companies to make annual reports of their condition as it was at the close of business on the 30th day of June. The following is a statement of the condition of the St. Albans Trust Company at the above date:

RESOURCES.	
Loans on first mortgages of real estate in Vermont	\$20,000 00
Loans on personal security	430,400 43
Loans on three hundred shares of St. Albans Trust Company stock	35,000 00
Loans on other collateral	15,424 71
Real estate acquired by foreclosure	12,923 83
Real estate owned	44,000 00
Cent interest and worth six to eight per cent	60,000 00
Ten shares St. Albans Trust Company stock	1,000 00
Four hundred shares St. Albans Gas Light Co. stock, paying \$100 per share	10,000 00
Profit and loss account	1,282 83
Expense account	1,282 83
Cash on deposit in Vermont National Bank	44,000 00
Cash on hand	9,568 93
Total resources	\$667,391 61

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$100,000 00
Depositors	546,000 00
Provision due depositors	20,700 78
Total liabilities	\$667,391 61

The whole number of depositors in the bank is 2,457 of whom 2,345, representing \$516,933.39 of the deposits, are residents of Vermont and 112, representing \$20,677.44, are non-residents. It is believed that over \$200,000 can be realized on the assets of the company within sixty days and paid to the depositors. Of the assets shown in the above statement, in round numbers \$257,000 of the personal security loans was the paper of the Norwood Lumber Company, in which